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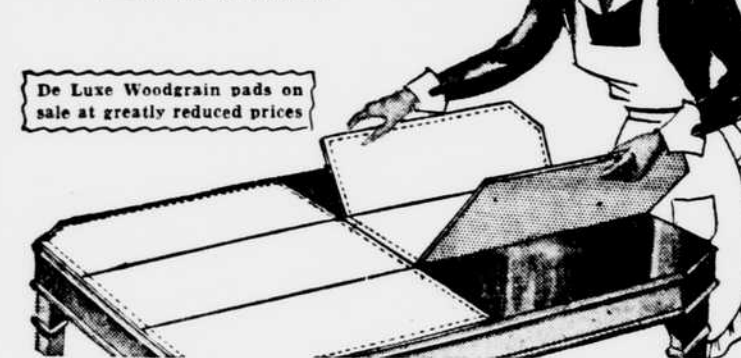
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Jews Launch Drive For \$12,000,000 'War Fund'

National Conference
For Palestine Opens;
McNutt to Speak

Declaring that Jews "already have been defeated and broken in more than 10 countries of Europe," and are looking to Palestine for salvation, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, last night launched a drive in the United States to raise a \$12,000,000 War Emergency fund.

Sounding the keynote of the National Conference for Palestine at a meeting at the Willard Hotel, Dr. Silver called on the Jews of America to arouse themselves, and to realize "the cold, hard fact that the Jews of the world are at war, that a war of extermination has been declared against them."

"Organized Jewish Community life has ceased to exist on the continent of Europe," he declared. "Our race is in shambles, our people are in concentration camps, helots in conquered lands, and refugees and exiles are now more than 5 millions. The satanic force which has brought this unprecedented disaster upon Israel is still triumphantly marching on, and his onerous march menaces every surviving Jewish community in the world, even as it endangers every surviving democratic country in the world."

Dr. Silver summoned the 5,000-000 Jews in the United States to place themselves on a "war footing" as have other peoples who wish to survive as free men. He called for the fund in order to "preserve, defend, and rebuild the Jewish National Home in Palestine as a haven for homeless Jews, and the basis of British defense in the Mediterranean."

Banquet Stated Tonight.
The conference opened yesterday afternoon with an informal conference on economic problems, and will continue through today, winding up with a banquet tonight. Among prominent speakers for the remaining sessions will be Federal Security Administrator McNutt, who will speak at noon to the conference and by radio; Dr. Stephen S. Wise of New York, chairman of the Administrative Committee, United Palestine Appeal, and House Majority Leader McCormack, who will deliver the banquet address tonight.

The importance of American support to Palestine in 1941 was stressed in messages read by Dr. Silver from London by Lord Robert Cecil, Viscount Samuel, Lord Snell, Col. Josiah Wedgwood and the Duke of Devonshire. They emphasized that material assistance from the United States will have to be greatly increased in the current year to help Palestine tide over the economic crisis resulting from the war, and to maintain its program of migration and settlement of homeless Jews from European lands.

Discussing the war effort of the Jews of Palestine, Dr. Silver said they were standing loyally by the side of Great Britain despite the fact that restrictions and adverse policies had been put into effect to hamper the full development of the Jewish national home, in accordance with the British pledge contained in the Balfour declaration.

Aims Outlined.
"Our aim," said Dr. Silver, "is a Palestine Jewish commonwealth," adding he would prefer that the country be within the system of free British commonwealths. He estimated that Palestine would be able to provide for 5,000,000 additional refugees following the end of the war.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organization, informed Dr. Silver by cable that he would come to the United States within the next few weeks to assist in raising the \$12,000,000 campaign fund. The financial needs of Palestine as cabled from Jerusalem outlined expenditures totaling \$13,640,000, of which the Jewish community of the United States is expected to contribute \$12,000,000 through the United Palestine Appeal.

In addition to Dr. Silver, the following leaders addressed the opening session of the conference last night: Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish National Fund; Charles J. Rosenbloom, national treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal; Presiding was Benjamin R. Harris of Chicago, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will be broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Others Will Speak.
At the banquet session there will be several speakers in addition to Representative McCormack. They include: Dr. Wise, presiding; Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith; Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the Zionist Organization of America; and Dr. Nahum Goldman, former representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine at Geneva.

The afternoon session will be welcomed by Rabbi Isidor Breslau of this city. Speakers will include Judge Morris Rothenberg, co-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Mrs. David de Rothschild, president, Hadassah; Leon Gellman, president, Mizrahi; David Weitzman, secretary, Poale Zion; Charles Rens, chairman of board, Keren Hayesod; Dr. Wise, Rabbi Morton Berman, Chicago; Joe Weizgarten, co-chairman, Welfare Fund, Houston, Tex.; Gustave L. Goldstein, Welfare Fund, Los Angeles; Representative Herman P. Koppelman, Welfare Fund, Hartford, Conn.; Rabbi Max Shapiro, Welfare Fund, Miami, Fla.; Sidney Herold, chairman, Shavei Zion, United Jewish Appeal; Rabbi Saul E. White, chairman, California U. P. A., San Francisco; Rabbi Philip Bernstein, chairman, New York U. P. A., Rochester, N. Y.; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman, Executive Committee, New York U. P. A., Far Rockaway, Long Island.

Mexico is officially investigating charges that movie theaters have been boosting admission prices too high.



RAISING PALESTINE FUNDS—Prominent figures in the National Conference for Palestine at the Willard Hotel are, left to right: Dr. Israel Goldstein, New York City, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Louis Lipsky, New York City, chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, New York City, chairman of the Administrative Committee, United Palestine Appeal, and Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal.

National Press Club Inducts Christerson as President

Over 700 Members
And Guests Attend
Informal Affair

The National Press Club inducted its new president last night with ceremonies which included a reference by Attorney General Jackson to relations between the press and the new Deal.

However, Mr. Jackson kept his remarks on the lighter side and praised Melbourne Christerson as a member of the Washington Bureau of the Associated Press. Mr. Christerson last year was vice president of the newspapermen's organization.

More than 700 members and guests attended the informal affair which was key-noted by screen, radio and stage stars. Preston Foster and Stirling Hayden presented a brief skit. Several song numbers were given by Lena D'Acosta, South American vocalist.

Take-Offs on Local Affairs.
Club members added to the merriment through presentations of take-offs on local affairs. Edward Wilcox, a Washington representative of the Philadelphia Bulletin, gave a monologue on the sights to be seen in the National Capital. Theodore F. Koop of the Associated Press was master of ceremonies.

Mr. Christerson succeeded Richard L. Wilson, Washington correspondent of the Des Moines (Iowa) Register and Tribune, as president of the club.

Music was presented under the direction of Lt. Charles Benter, U. S. N. Between skits the National Press Club chorale sang.

Address Arrives on Bicycle.
One of the highlights of the evening came when the incoming President began his inaugural address, only to be interrupted by the arrival of a messenger. The messenger, Pee-Wee, a club waiter, dashed in on a bicycle bearing the script of the inaugural address. Bound in the proper ribbons of protocol, the document was laid aside in favor of an off-the-record statement.

Other officers for the coming year include Clifford A. Provost, Detroit Free Press, vice president; Sam O'Neal, St. Louis Star-Times, secretary, and Frank C. Waldrop, Washington Times-Herald, financial secretary. New members of the Board of Governors who took office are Walter Karig, Newark Evening News; Paul Leach, Chicago Daily News; and James E. Warner, Providence Journal.

R. E. A. Moves Offices
Under One Roof at
Longfellow Building

Rest of New Structure
To Be Occupied by
Farm Security

The Rural Electrification Administration "family" yesterday began moving under one roof for the first time since 1935.

The new home is the 12-story Longfellow Building at Connecticut and Rhode Island avenues N.W., along the new road to be rented in the A. A. with its 1,000 employees, will occupy nine and a half floors of the structure, the remainder of the space to be utilized by the Farm Security Administration for part of its business management division.

Aid of U. S. Red Cross Lauded by Marchioness

The people of Great Britain are beginning "to be really conscious of the assistance coming from America," the Marchioness of Reading, chairman of the Women's Voluntary Service, said in a letter to Norman H. Davis, head of the American Red Cross, yesterday.

The letter disclosed the Marchioness was endangered by bombs during the terrific assault on Coventry. However, she added the Coventry raid was "no greater than we have had in London" but its effects were more paralyzing because of the concentration.

Following the call for aid in Coventry, she said American Red Cross station wagons "were on their way in next to no time, loaded to the top with supplies." She added "it was thrilling to realize" British appreciation of American aid.

She stated there are 1,660 branches ready for immediate action, and said that from the stockpiles of supplies needed "quantities of these different centers has, as you can imagine, been a very difficult thing to do." She said she had never visited any of the branches "without being shown with pride some of the American Red Cross clothing."

Cherrydale P. T. A. Meeting

Dr. David L. Weinstein of Washington will speak at a meeting of the Cherrydale (Va.) School Parent-Teacher Association in the school tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Army Places Order For Mine Planters

The Army has ordered a large amount of mine planters for defense of harbors in awarding a \$824,750 contract to the Marietta Manufacturing Co. of Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Other contracts included a \$869,140 order for tractor-trucks from the Mack Manufacturing Corp. of Long Island City, N. Y., and \$993,000 for construction of an airport at Manchester, N. H. The work on the airport will be done by the Cacy Construction Co. of New York.

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City News in Brief

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Hike, Wanderbirds Hiking Club, Chevy Chase Lake to Garrett Park, Md. Leave National Theater, 9 a.m.
Meeting and dinner, Eastern Radiocast Research Society, Ambassador Hotel.
TOMORROW.
Luncheon, Uptown Washington Lions Club, the Broadmoor, 12:15 p.m.
Luncheon, Newcomers Club, Carlton Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
Meeting, American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Carlton Hotel, all day.
Luncheon of the Topins, Visti San Juan, Puerto Rico; La Guaiara, Venezuela (with an overland trip to Caracas, Maracaibo and Puerto Cabello); San Blas Bay, home of the "white" Indians; Cristobal and the Panama Canal; Port Limon, with a fascinating trip to San Jose, capital of Costa Rica; eliminating the cruise at Havana, romantic capital of Cuba.
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Bloomingdale Group To Hear School Official

Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent in charge of colored schools, will address the Bloomingdale Civic Association at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Tabor Presbyterian Church.

A panel of college students and graduates will participate in a discussion of Negro youth problems. The Girls' Glee Club of the Shaw Junior High School, directed by Mrs. Louise H. Pack, will sing.

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